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HIDENORI SHIOTSUKA, et al. ) Examiner: A. Williams  
Application No.: 09/244,163 ) Group Art Unit: 2826  
Filed: February 4, 1999 )  
For: SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE )  
AND SOLAR CELL MODULE )  
HAVING DETACHABLE )  
CONSTITUENT MEMBERS )  
AND DEGRADABLE RESIN )  
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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicants respectfully direct the Examiner's attention to the documents listed below and on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed documents are also enclosed.

(1) U.S. Patent No. 5,684,325

(2) China 1114467 A

Reference (2) was cited during prosecution of a Chinese patent application corresponding to the subject application. A copy of the Chinese Office Action, which is dated May 9, 2003, is enclosed. In view of this date, it is hereby certified under 37 C.F.R. §1.97(e) that reference (2) was first cited in a communication from a foreign patent office

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in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement.

Reference (1) is believed to be an English-language counterpart of reference (2). The concise explanation of relevance for reference (2) is provided by its English-language counterpart and by the English-language abstract included with the reference. See MPEP §609.

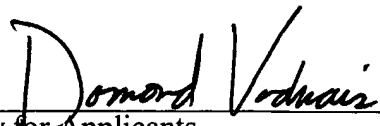
The other references listed in the enclosed Chinese Office Action were previously cited in the subject application in the Information Disclosure Statements dated April 25, 2000 and August 22, 2000. Accordingly, these references do not accompany this Information Disclosure Statement.

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

This application has received a Notice Of Allowance under 37 C.F.R. § 1.311). Accordingly, this Information Disclosure Statement is filed under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(d) and is accompanied by the \$180.00 fee specified at 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p). Consideration of the art cited herein is accordingly deemed proper, and such action is respectfully requested.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Costa Mesa, California office by telephone at (714) 540-8700. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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